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Subject: Testimony for 4/5 public hearing-- SUPPORT HB 6690 (court advocates for animals)

Dear Co-Chair Coleman, Co-Chair Fox, and Honorable Members of the Judiciary Committee,

Please accept this statement as my testimony for public hearing to be held on 4/5/13 **in SUPPORT of HB 6690**, AAC Court proceedings and the protection of animals.

I vote, and this issue is very important to me.

I support HB 6690 because:

- Research has established strong links between violent behaviors toward humans and violent behaviors toward animals.
- Law enforcement agencies must take violence toward animals seriously; prosecutions must be encouraged.
- Having court advocates for animals would be done **at no cost** by enlisting volunteer representation for animals from animal welfare groups, law students, and law firms.
- Teaching humans to behave with kindness and respect toward animals will help to build a more humane society.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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